

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Research & Development Expenditures	Turnover	Research & Development Expenditures as % of Turnover
2003-04	93.83	32927.00	0.28%
2004-05	105.27	47245.40	0.22%
2005-06	125.75	49439.70	0.25%

Refining capacity of crude oil

†822. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is plan to increase refining capacity of crude oil in the country in the coming five years;

(b) if so, what will be said capacity by the year 2012 with respective capacity in public and private sector;

(c) whether this production capacity is estimated to be more than the consumption of petroleum products in the country; and

(d) if so, projection of consumption and established production capacity in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) The refinery sector was delicensed in June, 1998. Since then a refinery can be set up anywhere in India by private or public sector enterprises depending on the promoters' assessment of its viability. It is not the Central Government but public and private sector enterprises who consider proposals for setting up refineries. These companies have made plans to put up additional refining capacity by the year 2011-12. The refining capacity by the year 2012 is estimated to be 240.96 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) with Public Sector share of 158.96 MMTPA and Private Sector share of 82 MMTPA.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. At present, the refining capacity is 148.97 MMTPA. The demand of petroleum products for the terminal year (2011-12) of Eleventh Five Year Plan is estimated to be 131.8 million metric tonnes (MMT).

Appointment of Chairmen and Functional Director of oil PSUs

823. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of occasions Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)'s recommended panel for appointment of chairmen and functional directors for public sector oil companies have been rejected for reasons other than vigilance/corruption;

(b) the number of cases Search Committees have been constituted for selection of functional directors and Chairmen for ONGC, IOC, HPCL and BPCL; and

(c) whether crucial importance of energy security of the country was taken into consideration for selection of functional directors and chairmen of the above mentioned PSUs before February, 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Information is being collected from the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and will be furnished.

(b) The Government has directed that a Search-cum-Selection Committee be constituted for selection of Chairman and Managing Director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).

(c) Yes, Sir.

Discovery of gas in the Krishna-Godavari offshore by ONGC

†824. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has found an ample quantum of natural gas offshore of the Krishna-Godavari delta;

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